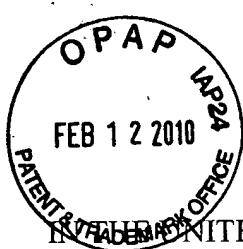


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Responsive to the December 11, 2009 final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: